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SUBJ: BILDERBERG

1. IN THE COURSE OF A PLEASANT LUNCH YESTERDAY, YOUR LONGTIME FRIEND ERNST VAN DER BEUGEL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF BILDERBERG. THE DEPARTURE OF PRINCE BERNHARD, VAN DER BEUGEL FEELS, LEAVES A VACUUM WHICH WILL VERY LIKELY CONTRIBUTE TO A SLACKENING OF INTEREST AMONG THOSE WHO ALWAYS FELT THAT THE PRINCE BROUGHT A CERTAIN ELAN TO THE MEETINGS IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS A HIGHLY EFFICIENT CHAIRMAN. VAN DER BEUGEL IS EVEN CONCERNED WHETHER UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES BILDERBERG CAN BE KEPT GOING. INASMUCH AS I HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A BILDERBERG CONFERENCE I TAKE VAN DER BEUGEL'S WORD FOR ALL THIS. AS WITH SO MANY THINGS, YOU WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO JUDGE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS THAN I. ADDITIONALLY, VAN DER BEUGEL SAID THAT JOE JOHNSON IS RESIGNING FROM HIS POSITION WITH THE GROUP AND IS TO BE REPLACED BY BILL BUNDY. VAN DER BEUGEL WILL BE DISCUSSING ALL OF THIS FURTHER WITH OTHER BILDERBERG HANDS, AMONG THEM GEORGE BALL, IN LONDON AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

2. I DON'T PRESUME TO KNOW WHAT VALUE YOU PERSONALLY ATTACH TO BILDERBERG, LESS WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY FEELING ABOUT WHO SHOULD REPLACE THE PRINCE. MY ONLY TENTATIVE
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THOUGHT IS THAT IT SHOULD PROBABLY BE A EUROPEAN, IF THERE

IS ONE SUCH AND IF HE IS AVAILABLE. IN ANY CASE, I DID
ASSUME YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED.

3. APART FROM THE ABOVE, VAN DER BEUGEL PROVED A
DELIGHTFUL HOST WHO VOLUNTEERED SOME INCISIVE COMMENTS ON
THE BODY POLITICA HERE WHICH I AM CONFIDENT I WILL BE
ABLE TO USE TO MEASURE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL
ACTIONS IN THE PERIOD AHEAD. HE IS A MOST AMIABLE FELLOW
WITH WHOM I INTEND TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT.

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